The Franchise Question

53. * **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they had received representations from the public or public bodies to the effect that final orders on the franchise question should be passed only after giving an opportunity to the public to express their views on the Franchise Report; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken by them on the same?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government did not think it necessary to publish the report.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government whether they have taken any action on the representation made by the people and whether they have published their proposals with regard to that?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government did not think it necessary to publish the report and invite public criticism. The representation was recorded.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government the reasons which weighed with Government in not giving an opportunity to the public to be in the know of things?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): By taking into consideration all the circumstances Government thought that it was not necessary to publish the report.

Classification of roads for bus service.

54. * **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there has been any classification of roads, according to the heavy and light bus traffic thereon, made by the P. W. D. or the Traffic Superintendent; and

(*b*) the date, nature and details of such classification, if any?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes, by the P. W. D.

(*b*) (1) Date 1-9-1930. (2) The classification is made on the basis of maximum weight that can be permitted on a road. (3) As regards the details of classification, the member is referred to page 20 of the P. W. D sheet of the Government Gazette dated 9-9-1930.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Sir, before asking supplementary questions I wish to raise a point of order. In answer to part (*b*) it is stated "as regards the details of classification, the member is referred to page 20 of the P.W. D. sheet of the Government

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